



UCA Eclipse Festival Events 2024

All events are free and open to the public, no tickets required, unless otherwise specified.

WEDNESDAY, MAR 27

7 pm Pre-Performance Reception

7:30 pm Open Dress Rehearsal: *a brief moment of alignment*, a new dance/theatre/film performance
Reynolds Performance Hall

You won't want to miss this immersive, multidisciplinary work comprising movement and spoken text by four women performers set against an original film backdrop and sound score.

THURSDAY, MAR 28

7 pm Pre-Performance Reception

7:30 pm Public Performance: *a brief moment of alignment*, a new dance/theatre/film performance choreographed by Artist in Residence Sue Schroeder, in collaboration with filmmaker and composer Christian Meyer, with Conway performers Wanda Eason, Hannah Hanshaw, Aida Quintero Kuettle, and Nakeya Palmer
Reynolds Performance Hall

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10 am-4:30 pm Art Exhibit on View: *Russell Crotty, A Look into the Vast*

Windgate Center Art Gallery

Russell Crotty, an internationally known Los Angeles artist and amateur astronomer, is renowned for his distinctive ballpoint pen drawings on paper-coated suspended globes and giant books, which engage astronomy, landscape, mapping, and coastal studies.

MONDAY, APR 1

7 am-3 pm Display of *LUNA the Eclipse Superhero* Inflatable and Eclipse Assembly

Morrilton Intermediate School

LUNA, a woman superhero who stands on the Moon, is a 25 ft inflatable sculpture. LUNA is funded by grants from the Arkansas Space Grant Consortium and the Arkansas Arts Council, an agency of Arkansas Heritage.

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TUESDAY, APR 2

7 am-3 pm **Display of *LUNA the Eclipse Superhero* Inflatable and Eclipse Assembly**
Carolyn Lewis Elementary School

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10 am-4:30 pm **Art Exhibit on view: *Russell Crotty, A Look into the Vast***
Windgate Center Art Gallery

WEDNESDAY, APR 3

10 am-4:30 pm **Art Exhibit on view: *Russell Crotty, A Look into the Vast***
Windgate Center Art Gallery

12-8 pm **Display of *LUNA the Eclipse Superhero* Inflatable designed by Artist in Residence Morton Brown**
Windgate Center, South Entrance

7 pm **Public Lecture: “Inflatable Public Art, *LUNA the Eclipse Superhero*” by Morton Brown**
Windgate Center Lecture Hall 167

Join artist Morton Brown for an exciting discussion about his creation of LUNA the Eclipse Superhero. This 25-foot inflatable sculpture depicts a woman of color who stands on the moon and has luna moth wings giving her superpowers of flight, levitation, echolocation, camouflage, and illusion awareness. She fights evil lurking in the shadows of the eclipse (the umbra and penumbra).

THURSDAY, APR 4

10 am-4:30 pm **Art Exhibit on view: *Russell Crotty, A Look into the Vast***
Windgate Center Art Gallery

1:40-2:30 pm **Eclipse Kickoff Celebration featuring Artist in Residence Sean Ardoin and Display of *LUNA the Eclipse Superhero***
Estes Stadium

Join 4 time GRAMMY nominee and zydeco artist Sean Ardoin as he teaches a line dance to his song “Kick Rocks.” LUNA, the eclipse inflatable, will also join the fun, and step champions, Kappa Alpha Psi will perform. The event will include exhibitors, prizes, and giveaways.



3:30 pm **Artist in Residence Russell Crotty Gallery Talk**
Windgate Center Art Gallery

Join artist Russell Crotty for a tour of his special eclipse exhibit.

6 pm **Capturing Celestial Beauty: Save Your Camera and Get the Photo**
Buffalo Alumni Hall

Join James Neihouse, photographer for the IMAX Space Team and UCA Distinguished Alumnus, as we unravel the secrets behind photographing eclipses without risking your camera.

THURSDAY, APR 4 (continued)

7:30 pm **In Concert: Artists in Residence Sean Ardoin and the Kreole Rock and Soul Band**
Windgate Center Concert Hall

This 4 time GRAMMY nominated artist is one of the most revered in Creole and Zydeco music. Get ready for their hit, "Sun Don't Shine." Tickets: Reynolds box office, uca.edu/Reynolds, (501) 450-3265.

FRIDAY, APR 5

10 am-4:30 pm **Art Exhibit on view: Russell Crotty, A Look into the Vast**
Windgate Center Art Gallery

12-1 pm **Russell Crotty Drawing Workshop**
Windgate Center, Baldwin and Shell Drawing Studio Room 115

Join Russell Crotty for a drawing workshop that explores our relationship with our closest celestial neighbor, designed to spur dialogue and contemplation of the many moods of the Moon: romantic, scientific, literary, cultural, symbolic, spiritual, seasonal, time, surface, etc. Attendees will be provided with paper, pencils, and charcoal, but may bring other materials if they wish.

4:30 pm **Carol Wayne White Public Lecture & Discussion: Religious Naturalism and Wonder: Towards an Eco-Spirituality of Living, Experiencing, and Seeing Differently**
McCastlain Ballroom

Carol Wayne White will trace the contours of eco-spirituality through scientific, philosophical, and religious insights to feature the generative power of nature and its involvement in wonder and poesis.

5 pm-8 pm **Display of LUNA the Eclipse Superhero Inflatable**
Conway Art Walk | Downtown at Oak and Chestnut Streets, Conway

7 pm **Eclipse Planetarium Show**
Conway Corp Center for the Sciences, Griffin Planetarium

SATURDAY, APR 6

10 am-4:30 pm **Art Exhibit on view: Russell Crotty, A Look into the Vast**
Windgate Center Art Gallery

1, 3, 5, & 7 pm **Eclipse Planetarium Show**
Conway Corp Center for the Sciences, Griffin Planetarium

3 pm **Artist in Residence Russell Crotty Gallery Talk**
Windgate Center Art Gallery

Join artist Russell Crotty for a tour of his special eclipse exhibit.

7:30 pm **The Elton John Experience featuring The Rocket Band & LUNA the Eclipse Superhero Inflatable**
Reynolds Performance Hall

Award winning actor/singer Craig Meyer uses his remarkable resemblance and uncanny ability to sound like the legendary star to celebrate the character, costumes and charisma of the famed pianist and singer. Tickets: visit Reynolds box office, uca.edu/Reynolds, (501) 450-3265.



SUNDAY, APR 7

- 1 pm-4 pm** **Display of *LUNA the Eclipse Superhero* Inflatable**
Conway Area Chamber of Commerce, downtown Conway at Rogers Plaza, 920 W. Oak Street
- 1, 3, 5, & 7 pm** **Eclipse Planetarium Show**
Conway Corp Center for the Sciences, Griffin Planetarium
- 2-8 pm** **Art Exhibit on view: *Russell Crotty, A Look into the Vast***
Windgate Center Art Gallery
- 3 pm** **Film Screening: *Le Voyage dans la Lune* (1902 silent film, directed by George Méliès) with new score by Blake Tyson performed live by the UCA Percussion Ensemble**
Windgate Center Concert Hall
- This short adventure film, which follows a group of astronomers who travel to the moon, is widely regarded as the earliest example of science fiction film and as one of the most influential films in cinema history. This event will include a pre-screening discussion of French silent films and a post screening presentation about eclipses in history.*
- 7:30 pm** **Public Lecture: Dr. Amber Straughn**
Windgate Center Concert Hall
- Dr. Straughn is an Astrophysicist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD and serves as Deputy Project Scientist for James Webb Space Telescope Science Team. She also grew up in Bee Branch, Arkansas. Tickets: visit Reynolds box office, uca.edu/Reynolds, (501) 450-3265.*

MONDAY, APR 8

- 10 am-3 pm** **Eclipse Watch Party and Antique Car Show**
Estes Stadium
- The event will include arts and crafts vendors, food, NASA TV on the big screen, and the chance to talk to UCA scientists.*
- 10 am-3 pm** **Pet-Friendly Eclipse Viewing Party (a.k.a. "Dog Barkanalia") and Display of *LUNA the Eclipse Superhero* Inflatable**
College of Business Lawn
- The Barkanalia (a play on the word "Bacchanalia," a nod to the celebratory parties of ancient Greece) will feature the 25-ft inflatable *LUNA the Eclipse Superhero*, yarn bombing, eclipse-themed free food, recorded and live music on the main stage, a show ring, dog kissing booth, and more. This event will benefit local dog rescue organizations and provide pet adoption information. Filming for a feature-length movie, "Road trip to Totality," will also take place during this event.*
- 10 am- 3 pm** **Eclipse Children's Book Readings**
- 9 am – Lewis Science Center, Room 102 (ASL interpretation and large text and images provided)
10:30 am – Dog Barkanalia Viewing Party, College of Business lawn
11:30 am – Hall of Fame Room, Estes Stadium
2:30 pm – Meet the Author, Estes Stadium STEM Outreach End Zone
- Come hear award-winning children's author Darcy Pattison read her book "Eclipse: How the 1919 Solar Eclipse Proved Einstein's Theory of General Relativity." She will have free books for children to take home. This project was generously funded by the Arkansas Space Grant Consortium.*

